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BIRDS OF THE CAZADERO REGION

The Cazadero Region in Sonoma County, California in the Coast Range, up to 500 ft. elevation, with typical covering of chaparral, evergreen and deciduous trees, has much interest for bird watchers of the Bay Region. Since 1920 the San Francisco Area County of the Boy Scouts of America has had its summer camp, Camp Royaneh, in that vicinity and more recently the City of Berkeley established one of its three municipal camps along Austin Creek.

The more intensive birding has been done in summer and the field is still open for spring and winter birding.

The following 98 birds have been observed there:

Western grebe; brown pelican; double-cr. (Farallon), and pelagic, (Baird) cormorant; great blue, Anth. green and black-cr. night heron; mallard; white-winged, and surf scoter; t. vulture; white-tailed kite; sharp-sh., Cooper, and red-tailed hawk; osprey; sparrow hawk; sooty grouse; Calif. quail; killdeer; Wilson snipe; spotted, and solitary sandpiper; western and Calif. gull; mourning dove; band-tailed pigeon; screech, pygmy and short-eared owl; Vaux and white-thr. swift; Anna and Allen hummingbird; belted kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; pileated, acorn (Calif.), Lewis, downy and Nuttall woodpecker; ash-th. flycatcher; bk. phoebe; west. flycatcher; wood pewee; olive-sided flycatcher; violet-green, tree, bank, rough-winged, barn and cliff swallow; purple martin, Steller and scrub jay; Amer. raven; crow; chestnut-bk. chickadee; plain titmouse; bush-tit; white-br. (slender-bil.) nuthatch; brown creeper; wren-tit; Amer. dipper; Bewick and house wren; robin; hermit and olive-backed (russet) thrush; west. bluebird; loggerhead shrike; Hutton, warbling and solitary vireo; orange-cr., yellow, black-thr. gray and pileolated warbler; house sparrow; west. meadowlark; red-winged and Brewer blackbird; west. tanager; bk.-headed grosbeak; lazuli bunting; purple and house finch; pine siskin; Amer. and lesser (green-bk.) goldfinch; spotted and brown towhee; savannah and lark sparrow; Ore. junco; chipping, white-cr. and song sparrow.

— Arthur H. Myer.

October — DIMOND PARK—SAUSAL CANYON — Trip

On Saturday, October 27th, a clear, autumn morning, some thirty members and guests gathered in Dimond Park near the historic Peralta Adobe and the venerable oak. Among our new guests were a number of Junior Audubon clubbers from a local school under the leadership of Miss Case.

After a period of neck-craning to observe nuthatches, chickadees, siskins and other small fry in the towering redwoods, elms, and Monterey pines we were informed by Scout Ken Schulz of the presence of a Black-throated Gray Warbler in the willows and alders along the creek opposite the Dimond Pool. Hastening, we saw not only this bird, but a Townsend and, a little farther up the creek, a Myrtle. Later, the main group proceeded a short distance up Sausal Creek, while some of the younger members continued far up the canyon. With a total of 35 species, it was altogether a very satisfactory morning walk.

The following species were seen;

Red-tl. hawk; Calif. quail; mourning dove; Anna hummingbird; red-sh. flicker; downy woodpecker; bk. phoebe; Steller and scrub jay; chest.-bk. chickadee; plain titmouse; bush-tit; white-br. (slender-bl.) and red-br. nuthatch; wren-tit; robin; hermit thrush; ruby-cr. kinglet; orange-cr., myrtle, Audubon, black-thr. gray and Townsend warbler; house sparrow; Brewer blackbird; purple and house finch; pine siskin; lesser (gr.-bk.) goldfinch; spotted and brown towhee; Ore. junco; white-cr., golden-cr. and song sparrow.

PAUL F. COVEL, *Leader and Historian*
Park Naturalist, Oakland Park Dept.

November — CONN LAKE — Trip

A cold and cloudy November 11 day will no doubt be long remembered by the thirty some odd members and guests who attended the Conn Lake trip. Except for light drizzles in the afternoon the weather was perfect for birding. Perhaps the cold weather was a forewarning of the fourteen species of ducks and seven Whistling Swans encountered. Also of decided interest were a Common Loom, White-Tailed Kites, Red-bellied Hawks, and a Road-runner. The following eighty-three species were observed from Napa to Conn Lake and Capell Valley:

Common loon; eared, western and pied-bl. grebe; double-cr. cormorant; gt. blue, Anth. green and bk.-cr. night heron; whistling swan; mallard, gadwall, baldpate, pintail, gr.-winged teal, shoveller, wood duck, redhead, ring-nk., canvas-back, lesser scaup, buffle-head, ruddy duck and Amer. merganser; t. vulture; white-tailed kite; sharp-sh., red-tl., red-shouldered (red-bellied) hawk; golden eagle; sp. hawk; Calif. quail; ring-nk. pheasant; coot; killdeer; Calif. and ring-bl. gull; mourning dove; road-runner; Anna hummingbird; belted kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; acorn (Calif.) and Lewis woodpecker; red-br. sapsucker; hairy, downy and Nuttall woodpecker; bk. phoebe; scrub jay; Amer. crow; chest.-bk. chickadee; plain titmouse; bush-tit; white-br. nuthatch; brown creeper; wren-tit; Bewick and rock wren; robin; hermit thrush; west. bluebird; golden-cr. and ruby-cr. kinglet; loggerhead shrike; Hutton vireo; myrtle (?) and Audubon warbler; house sparrow; west. meadowlark; red-wg. and Brewer blackbird; house finch; pine siskin; Amer. and lesser (gr.-bk.) goldfinch; spotted and brown towhee; lark sparrow; Ore. junco; chip., white-cr., golden-cr. and song sparrow.

KEN SCHULZ, *Leader and Historian.*

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Golden Gate Audubon Society will again hold its annual Christmas bird count on Sunday, December 23rd. This year there will be 12 parties under excellent leadership and the starting time is set for 7:30 a.m. Those wishing to help please sign up with the individual leaders or with the chairman.

The bird census not only finishes a good year of birding but also helps the National Audubon Society in its continent-wide count.

The groups, leaders, and meeting places follow:

Group 1—Marina-Fine Arts, Edward A. Mayers at Fine Arts Palace.

Group 2—Bayshore-McLaren Park, Laurence Curl at Mission St. and Excelsior Ave.

Group 3—Land's End & Lincoln Park, Jean Du Bois at Sutro Heights.

Group 4—Golden Gate Park, 31st to beach, Dr. Albert Boles at Fulton & 31st Ave.

Group 5—Golden Gate Park, 31st to 10th, Mrs. G. Earle Kelly at Fulton & 10th Ave.

Group 6—Golden Gate Park, 10th to Baker St., Mrs. Enid Austin at Fulton & 10th Ave.

Group 7—Lake Merced & Fleishhacker, Harry C. Adamson at Playfield.

Group 8—Twin Peaks & Stern Grove, Carl L. Carson at Stern Grove.

Group 9—Ocean Beach & Seal Rocks, David G. Nichols at Seal Rocks.

Group 10—Presidio, Carlyle Sather at Lombard St. entrance.

Group 11—Wharves and Bay, Russell H. Pray at Aquatic Park.

Group 12—(restricted) Treasure Island, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds.

ARTHUR H. MYER, *Chairman.*
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HONORS: Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, president and Mr. Vaughan MacCaughey, vice-president, represented The Golden Gate Audubon Society at the Annual Convention of The National Audubon Society in New York, November 10 - 13, 1951. Mrs. Reynolds had been invited to show her film "Western Discovery" at the Annual Banquet November 13th.

At the Annual Conservation Conference in San Francisco, November 16th MERIT AWARDS were presented to Mrs. Frank A. Scott, Mr. Vaughan MacCaughey and Mrs. Ethel E. Richardson, "in appreciation of long-continued and effective service . . . in the cause of conservation education" and in the stimulation of "better understanding of the constant and growing need for wise use and enjoyment of our natural resources."

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Myra Brown, Mrs. Ethel E. Richardson and Mr. Arthur H. Myer, chairman, will be glad to receive names suggested for officers for the year 1952.

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome the following: from San Francisco, Miss Agnes Albert, Dr. Robt. E. Mendle, Miss Johanna M. Volkmann; from Oakland, Warren Johnson; from Berkeley, Dr. F. Herbert Frenzel, Miss Mary Lee Jefferds, Mr. & Mrs. David B. Stearns; from Salinas, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Anderson.

OBSERVATIONS

Edited by MRS. JUNEA W. KELLY

Townsend Solitaire, Western Tanager, Lewis Woodpecker, Oct. 7, Mt. St. Helena, Larry Curl and Harry Adamson; One male Hooded Merganser, Oct. 31, Orinda Lake; 1 male and 2 female Ring-necked Ducks; 3 Varied Thrushes, Oct. 31, St. Mary's; Short-eared Owl, Nov. 10, Bay Farm Island; 10 Snowy Egrets, 6 female Buffle-heads, Nov. 13, on pond near Richardson Bay, Junea W. Kelly.

DECEMBER MEETING

The 411th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on December 13th in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, 14th and Madison Sts., entrance on Madison St. Following the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. color films from the National Fish and Wildlife Service on "The Western Grebe," and "Bear River Wildlife Refuge" Utah, will be shown. The public is invited. No-host dinner at Zerikote's at 6 p.m.

MRS. FRANK A. SCOTT, *Program Chairman.*

December — ORINDA LAKE — Trip

On Sunday, December 9, to Orinda Lake and San Pablo Reservoir, Contra Costa Co. Note that this trip is on the Sunday before the December meeting. From San Francisco take 7:40 "E" train to end of the line at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley. Meet here at 8:15 and proceed by private cars to Orinda, turn left and then right on the Orinda Country Club Road. Parking space is quite limited on the road around Orinda Lake so park along the road below the lake. Hooded mergansers are frequently seen here. After walking around the lake, proceed to San Pablo Reservoir (Canada geese should be seen here, as well as many other water birds) along which there will probably be 3 or 4 stops. If it has rained recently watch where you park along this road as some of the shoulders are very soft when wet. Birding later along the Bear Creek Road and probably at St. Mary's College. Leader, Larry Curl, LA. 6-7004. Bring binoculars, telescope, lunch and interested friends.

January — GRIDLEY-WILLOWS — Trip

A two-day trip will be made to the Grey Lodge Refuge near Gridley and to the Sacramento Migratory Waterfowl Refuge near Willows on January 12 - 13. For further details see the January GULL.

A. LAURENCE CURL, *Chairman.*
Field Trips Committee.

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